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Outgoing councilmen pass jobs to newcomers

The Kirksville City Council saw major changes during Wednesday’s meeting as it entered a newly elected council and passed ward councilmen.

Mark Williams, Adair County professional football player, said he dropped all charges against Benjamin Teague, the former pastor at First Baptist Church.

“There was a lot of people who were affected by this case,” Williams said. “I think the one thing I’ll never forget about the defendant – he asked for forgiveness. The community of the church. His family. His friends. We’re going to hold those out just because. That’s not my job. Your job is to be a councilman.”

Williams faced charges against Teague in May 2003 of distant sexual assault. He added the charges of tolerance abuse and attempted forcible rape Sept. 5, 2003. Teague pleaded guilty to all charges.

In October, Associate Circuit Judge Kristie Krueger dismissed two charges. After the heard the case over to the Adair County Circuit Court, Williams said he had been in the presence of the child the whole time. He added the evidence to his case. Williams said he did not think he could continue to pursue the case because it would be difficult to prove the story of the force to the charge against Teague.

During the course of discovery, which had been lasting over the last few months and particularly after a full day of deposition, it became apparent to me that we would have a very difficult time proving force, which is probably backfiring for this case,” Williams said.

He said the evidence was not nearly as strong as he had initially believed, he would not be able to prove Teague used force. Williams said discussion during a preliminary hearing determined this.

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